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IRONMAN CHALLENGE Participants in Cobra Ironman 70.3 Philippines tackle the swim leg in the waters of the Hilutungan Channel in front of Shangri-La Mactan hotel in Lapu-Lapu City. Australian Pete Jacobs won the grueling swim-bike-run event for the third straight year. (See story in Sports, Page A32.)

UN: RH law vital to dev't

Agency official notes increasing maternal deaths

THE UNITED NATIONS yesterday warned that failure to pass a controversial reproductive health (RH) bill amid stiff opposition from the Catholic Church could reverse the country's gains in development goals.

The RH bill would make it mandatory for the government to provide free contraceptives in a country where more than 80 percent of the population is Catholic and which has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in Southeast Asia.

Ugochi Daniels, country representative from the UN Population Fund, said she remained "cautiously optimistic" that President Aquino's allies who dominate the House of Representatives could muster the numbers to pass the bill tomorrow after 14 years of often divisive debate.

"What is important now is to highlight the urgency of the bill," Daniels said.

Unless the bill is passed, she said maternal deaths in the Philippines would continue to rise with more and more women getting pregnant at a young age without the proper health care and access to key reproductive health information.

Between 2006 and 2010, the maternal mortality rate increased to 221 deaths per 100,000 live births, from 162 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2000 to 2005, according to the government's 2011 Family Health Survey.

"I think we've gone from 11 (maternal deaths) a day to between 14 and 15 a day now. And unfortunately, most of these are poor women," she said.

The UN Population Fund was "very concerned" about the sit-

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Church leaders tell solons: Listen to God's word / A22

Poor used as pawns in debate, says priest / A23

P-Noy faces trenchant criticism for the first time

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

NOT SINCE the turbulent days of the conflict between the Marcos dictatorship and the Catholic Church in the Philippines led by Jaime Cardinal Sin over human and political rights have the state and the Church been as bitterly at odds as they are today.

This time, they are fighting over a proposed policy on population control.

On Saturday the dispute came to a head with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) leading thousands of Catholics in a prayer rally to protest against President Aquino's support for the reproductive health (RH) bill that would curb population growth through contraceptives.

Mr. Aquino's call for the passage of the bill in his State of the Nation Address to a joint

P-NOY / A23

MOST BEMEDALED American swimmer Michael Phelps holds up a trophy after being honored as the most decorated Olympian at London Aquatics Centre. AP

With one last gold, Phelps caps career that inspired a generation

LONDON—One by one, his rivals formed a handshake line behind the blocks at London Aquatics Centre and paid homage to Michael Phelps, the lord of the Olympic rings.

In his racing finale on Saturday night, as a member of the US men's 4x100-meter medley relay, Phelps collected his 22nd medal—and 18th gold.

Before Phelps retired, he had one last trophy to collect: a statuette that recognized his place in Olympic history and resembled a crinkled piece of aluminum foil from a foot-long sandwich.

"It's kind of weird looking at this and seeing 'Greatest Olympian of All Time,'" Phelps said, adding: "I finished my career the way I wanted to. I think that's pretty cool."

It sounds ludicrous now, but when Phelps, now 27, began his epic journey in swimming, he had no clue what American Mark Spitz had done. Phelps was looking to the future when he put together the most

WITH ONE / A21

Senators 'reinventing' selves for 2013 polls

By Gil C. Cabacungan

REELECTIONIST senators are "reinventing" themselves in preparation for the 2013 midterm elections.

Sen. Francis Escudero appears to be the new "Mr. Palengke." Sen. Jinggoy Estrada is

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Hazing victim buried in Tarlac

By Jo Martinez-Clemente
Inquirer Central Luzon

RAMOS, Tarlac—The wreath was big and imposing, and could not easily be missed. But nobody seemed to have noticed it as it stood by the door of Diocesan Shrine of Saint Thomas of the Child Jesus, the town's parish church, where hazing victim Marc Andre Marcos spent his last night.

It carried a card that read: "Condolences from: Bonds of Andrei Marcos."

Who these "bonds" were and what organization they belonged to, nobody seemed to know.

Most of Marcos' friends and relatives declined to comment about it. His father, [illegible], said he did not want to speculate but accepted the gesture of sympathy.

"I want to believe that whoever sent these flowers were sincere in their intent to condole

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Cops await arrest warrants vs hazing suspects / A14

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THE INQUIRER Group of Companies (IGC) has released an updated version of its Apple iPad app that for the first time combines the full issues of its award-winning print titles with news from its Inquirer.net website and Radyo Inquirer 990AM radio station.

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School bans scarves for Muslim studes

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A Catholic-run school here has caused a controversy by banning Muslim students from wearing the hijab headscarf.

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The Government is pursuing its commitment to provide Convenient, Affordable, Reliable, Efficient, and Safe transport services. As such, the DOTC is inviting interested parties to participate in the OPEN and TRANSPARENT bidding process for the P160 MILLION SAN VICENTE, KALIBO AND SANGA-SANGA AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

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INVITATION TO BID

P160 MILLION DEVELOPMENT OF SAN VICENTE, KALIBO AND SANGA-SANGA AIRPORTS

1 San Vicente International Airport Development Project

The new San Vicente International Airport in Palawan is located in New Agutaya, San Vicente. It sits in the heart of tourism developments in Palawan, including El Nido and a 14-kilometer stretch of white sand beach in San Vicente.

The DOTC earlier announced a bidding for the construction of San Vicente Airport Passenger Terminal Building and other peripheral civil works. The bidding for this stage of the project covers mostly airside development, namely:

Completion of Runway Extension
(L = 150m. by W = 30m.)

Peripheral Components
Construction of Vehicular Parking Area (VPA) (10,670.00 sq.m.)
Security Fence (268 m.)
CHB Perimeter Fence (L = 437 m.)
Drainage System (294 m.)
Hill Obstruction Removal (V = 45,437.00 cu.m.)
Construction of Pedestrian Gates (2-unit)
Vehicular Gates (2-unit)

Concrete Paving of Runway
(150m. long by 30m. wide)

Approved Budget for the Contract	:	[illegible]
Issuance of Bid Documents	:	1 August 2012 - 30 August 2012
Date and Time of Pre-Bid Conference	:	15 August 2012, 9:00 AM
Date and Time of Deadline of Submission and Opening of Bids	:	29 August 2012, 9:00 AM
Cost of Bidding Documents	:	[illegible]

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Date and Time of Deadline of Submission and Opening of Bids	:	29 August 2012, 10:00 AM
Cost of Bidding Documents	:	[illegible]

2 Kalibo International Airport Development Project

Kalibo International Airport is growing to be among the busiest airports in the Philippines. In 2010 alone, it serviced 1,005,845 passengers, about 12% higher than a year ago, ranking 7th in the list of busiest airports in the country in terms of passenger traffic. To further enable this airport to meet the increasing traffic, the DOTC is implementing the following improvements, namely:

Completion of Asphalt Overlay of Runway
(L = 237m. by W =45m.)

Concrete Paving of Apron Expansion with Taxiway
(14,950.00 sq.m.)

Construction of Security Fence
(234 m.)

3 Sanga-Sanga Airport Development Project

The Sanga-Sanga Airport is located in Bongao, the capital of Tawi-Tawi province. It is the only airport serving the province that thrives on agriculture and barter trade business. Improvements to the airport are underway to sustain investment opportunities, such as tourism and aquaculture. The DOTC earlier announced a bidding for the site development and construction of new passenger terminal building and expansion of apron. This phase of the airport upgrade includes:

Construction of Vehicular Parking Area
(A = 5,100 sq. m.)

Construction of Drainage System
(254.00 m.)

Construction of Perimeter Fence and Security Fence
(Perimeter Fence L=2,040 m. | Security Fence 420.00 m.)

Approved Budget for the Contract	:	[illegible]
Issuance of Bid Documents	:	1 August 2012 - 30 August 2012
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China summons US envoy over PH sea tension

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CAAP: Air safety upgrade may take time

By Jerome Aning

Two concerns unresolved

More tourists, investors

Alert up after dams free water

By Jeannette I. Andrade

FOUR dams in Luzon have opened their gates to prevent water levels from breaching their tops and averting possible damage to the structures.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) hydrological services said that the Ipo, Ambuklao, Binga and San Roque dams opened their gates to normalize water levels.

But Pagasa raised the alarm for residents of at least 18 municipalities—San Manuel, San Nicolas, Tayug, Sta. Maria, Asingan, Villasis, Alcala, Bautista, Rosales and Bayambang in Pangasinan—which may be submerged as an effect of the water released from San Roque Dam.

Pagasa hydrologist [illegible] said that by 12 p.m. yesterday Ambuklao Dam in Benguet opened two gates, Binga Dam in Itogon, Benguet, opened three gates, and San Roque Dam in Pangasinan, which catches most of the water from Ambuklao and Binga, opened two gates.

La Mesa Dam in Quezon City meanwhile, was placed on red alert after its water levels threatened to reach the spilling level of 80.15 meters as rains continued to pound Metro Manila.

By 4 p.m. the water level in the dam was at 79.81 meters. La Mesa Dam has been on red alert since last week and residents living near the Tullahan River have been advised to be vigilant against possible flooding.

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Rainy week ahead

THE PHILIPPINE Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) anticipates the habagat (southwest monsoon) to continue to bring scattered rain showers and thunderstorms, as well as gusty winds, to Luzon, including Metro Manila, and the Visayas until Thursday.

Weather forecaster [illegible] Aurelio said that while the low pressure area (LPA) spotted east of northern Luzon was still too far from the Philippine area of responsibility (PAR), western Luzon should expect heavy rains due to the monsoon.

Aurelio said the however the monsoon was expected to affect the country until later this week because of the pull of Tropical Storm "Haikui," which is headed for southern Japan. "So the weather condition will prevail maybe until Thursday," he said.

Aurelio said that while no weather disturbance had been detected, the LPA could enter the PAR by Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Typhoon "Gener" (international name Saola), which battered areas of northern Visayas last week, left at least P8 million in damage to crops and infrastructure in the region, reported the Office of Civil Defense.

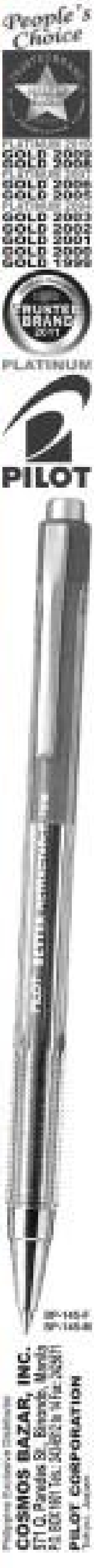
The typhoon, which strengthened the monsoon rains and winds that triggered flash floods and huge waves, left three dead in the region. Nine other persons were injured and one remains missing.

Overall, 43 were killed throughout the country.

In Valenzuela City, Metro Manila, nine more barangays were added on Sunday to the 18 that had earlier been placed under a state of calamity as flooding continued to plague parts of the city. Reports from Jeannette I. Andrade, [illegible] and [illegible]

"ROOTS FOR BORACAY" LAUNCHED.

The Lucio Tan Group of Companies pays tribute to the world's number one beach destination in the world.



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Tanduay Distillers, Inc., through the Tan Yan Kee Foundation, Inc. just sealed a partnership with DENR and the municipality of Malay, Aklan last July 28, 2012, through a MOA signing for the "Roots of Boracay" project. Tanduay and Tan Yan Kee Foundation was represented by no less than its Chairman, Dr. Lucio C. Tan. Also present were DENR-EMB Dir. Juan Miguel Cuna, Hon. Mayor John P. Yap, Presidential Adviser for Climate Change and DENR P/Sec. Elisea Gozun and PCCI Boracay President Ariel Abriam.

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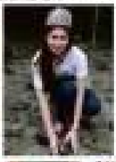
Ms. Philippines Earth Stephany Stefanowitz poses for a shot after planting a mangrove propagule.



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WHAT IS 'ROOTS FOR BORACAY'?

Roots for Boracay is a social program that aims to save, protect and preserve the Mangroves. It encourages both locals and tourists who have strong affinity with the island, particularly the youth, to actively participate in Boracay Island's programs to rehabilitate the Mangroves of Boracay Island.

WHY ARE MANGROVES IMPORTANT?

Mangroves are amazing trees that have learned to live and survive in tidal zones between land and sea. When mangroves are allowed to grow and thrive, they create a "protective wall" that buffers coastal communities from typhoons, tsunamis, and keeps the younger mangroves from being swept away. Their strong roots also intertwine underwater to create a coastal forest that is home to birds, crabs, fish, [illegible], and a host of other [illegible] species.

Mangroves aren't just trees. It's an entire ecosystem. Apart from providing habitat for different species, it also provides food for them and even people! When the mangrove's leaves fall into the water, it instantly starts a process that feeds the smallest in the food chain like worms and shrimps, which feeds fish and birds, who in turn sustain us. In the bigger picture, mangroves don't just affect Boracay— it affects EVERYONE!

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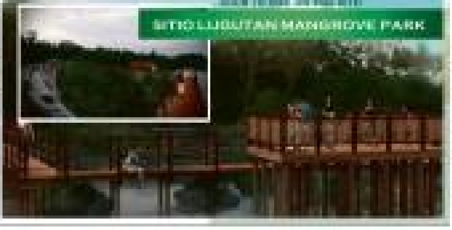

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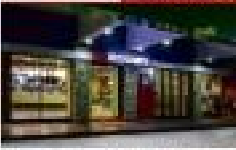

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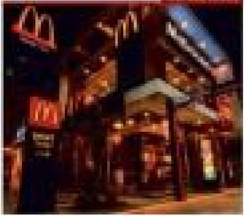

Hazing victim buried in hometown in Tarlac

United for justice

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Joan of Arc

'Let this be last'

Cops await arrest warrants

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Across the NATION

SBMA probe of execs linked to rice smuggling try starts

Crackdown on 'carabao logging' in Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—The environment offices of the Cordillera, the Ilocos, Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon have combined their manpower with the police and the military to crack down on "carabao logging" and kaingin (slash-and-burn farming) that have evaded authorities for years.

A FORESTER looks at cut trees at the watershed borders of Pangasinan and Zambales during an inspection of roads used for illegal logging.

Escape routes

Wood consumption

'Noah's Ark' drills prepare villagers for future disasters

RESIDENTS of Barangay Macasandig in Cagayan de Oro participate in a warning and evacuation drill in preparation for future calamities.

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THE NATIONAL University, which is located in Sampaloc, Manila, was founded by Don Mariano Fortunato Jhocson on Aug. 1, 1900. Originally called Colegio Filipino, it was one of the first nonsectarian and coeducational institutions in the country.

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2008 BLOODY PARAÑAQUE SHOOT-OUT

Judge asked: Let go of case

By [illegible]

THE KIN of two of the fatalities in the bloody shoot-out between policemen and a group of suspected robbers in Parañaque City has asked the judge in charge of the case to inhibit himself "out of delicadeza."

Last week, lawyer Jerry [illegible] who is representing Lilian de Vera filed a motion for inhibition against Judge Jaime Guray of the Parañaque Regional Trial Court Branch 259.

De Vera's husband, Alfonso, and their 7-year-old daughter, Lia Allana, were among those killed in the crossfire when a shoot-out broke out between members of the Philippine National Police's Highway Patrol Group (HPG) and Waray-Waray robbery gang in 2008.

[illegible] said that Guray's objectivity was now under question because in 2010, he dismissed the double-murder charges against the HPG operatives for lack of probable cause.

"He says the Court of Appeals ordered him to hear the case but we don't even have to talk about legal [illegible] arguments. Out of delicadeza, he should just let it go," he told the Inquirer in a phone interview.

In June, the appellate court reversed Guray's ruling and ordered him to continue hearing the charges against the eight HPG operatives—Chief Inspectors Lawrence Cajipe and Joel Mendoza, Inspector [illegible], Police Officers 3 [illegible] Jr. and [illegible], Police Officers 2 Eduardo Blanco and Edwin Santos and Police Officer 1 [illegible].

According to the Court of Appeals, Guray's decision smacked of "a rush to judgment without deliberate evaluation of the evidence from both sides [as] demanded by [illegible]."

The judge had explained that he dismissed the case because the HPG operatives merely served as a blocking force during the police operation which later on led to a shoot-out.

His explanation, however, did not sit well with the prosecution.

[illegible] further alleged that in previous hearings, Guray had expressed confidence that his decision to junk the case against the HPG would be upheld by the appellate court. The judge had

LET GO A16

NO REST FOR THE WEARY Personnel of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority are still clearing Manila Bay of garbage, days after storm surges caused by Typhoon "Saola" dumped truckloads upon truckloads of garbage in its waters. As of yesterday, the amount of garbage collected had already reached 300 truckloads (see related story on next page).

Dentists raise funds for gun safety training program

By Jeannette I. Andrade

PNP probes release of unpaid wages for twice dismissed cop

By Marlon Ramos

Bay cleanup to take 2-3 days

By Niña Calleja

STILL FLOODED Typhoon "Gener" may have long left the country but residents in Marikina City still have to put up with flooding in some areas.

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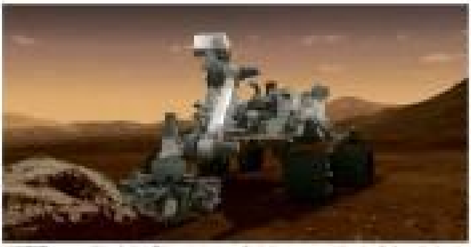

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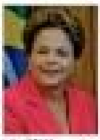

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US discreetly plans for post-Assad Syria

SYRIAN refugees mourn at the funeral of five Free Syrian Army fighters, killed by Syrian security forces near the Turkish-Syrian border on Aug. 4. AP

WASHINGTON—Even with fighting raging in Syria and President Bashar Assad digging in, the state department and Pentagon are quietly sharpening plans to cope with a flood of refugees, help maintain basic health and municipal services, restart a shattered economy and avoid a security vacuum in the wake of Assad's fall, administration officials say.

Mindful of US mistakes following the invasion of Iraq in 2003, both agencies have created a number of cells to draft plans for what many officials expect to be a chaotic, violent aftermath that could spread instability over Syria's borders, even though no official could predict whether Assad's demise was weeks or months away.

The state department is considering positioning additional food and medical supplies in the region and is studying how to dismantle the raft of US and European sanctions against Syria quickly to allow investment to flow in and business to resume, avoiding further deterioration of life for ordinary people.

Security vacuum

It is also pressing the opposition in Syria to avoid harsh retribution against the Army, the police and the municipal agencies of Assad's government that could cause a security vacuum and a collapse of services. Looting and chaos after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in Iraq in 2003 planted the seeds of a lasting insurgency.

"We don't want them to dissolve all the institutions in place," an administration official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss planning that is largely being conducted out of public view.

Even though the White House has all but ruled out military intervention, the Pentagon is drafting contingency plans for operations with Nato or regional allies to manage a large flow of refugees over Syria's borders and safeguard the country's arsenal of chemical weapons.

The administration's efforts have been driven by a bleak prognosis shared by most officials: Assad's fall would be likely to set off a grave, potentially violent and unpredictable implosion in a country strained by even more tribal, ethnic and sectarian divisions than Iraq, possibly in the midst of a presidential election campaign at home.

"The main question we're looking at is how it all plays out after the Assad regime collapses," one US official said. "Chapter 1 is he's gone. Chapter 2 is the post-Assad transition, and initial efforts at stabilization. Chapter 3 is completely unknown, and therefore more than a little scary."

The planning is particularly delicate because the Obama administration does not want to create the appearance of US interference in a transitional, post-Assad government, even though the United States would inevitably be entangled in any turmoil that resulted.

'No to foreign transition plan'

Rafif Jouejati, an American of Syrian ancestry who is a spokesperson for a network of activists in Syria, said those committed to Assad's overthrow had no interest in "a foreign transition plan," however well intentioned.

"What we don't want to do is descend into the total chaos that Iraq did," said Jouejati, who is participating in a similar planning effort among Syrian activists coordinated through the United States Institute of Peace, an independent but congressionally financed organization in Washington. Even so, she added, "I don't think we want the United States to impose lessons learned here."

The state department and Pentagon planning efforts became more operational last month after hopes for an internationally brokered resolution faltered in the face of Russian and Chinese opposition in the UN Security Council. The planning is being closely coordinated with regional allies like Turkey, Jordan and Israel, and it coincides with an expansion of overt and covert US and foreign assistance to Syria's increasingly bypassed rebel fighters.

While the administration has ruled out arming the rebels directly, the administration has authorized $25 million in direct assistance for medical supplies and communication equipment to help the fighters and civilian opponents of Assad coordinate their activities and, crucially, disseminate reports about the fighting to the rest of the world.

Other countries, including Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, are providing weapons, assisted by a small number of officers from the Central Intelligence Agency who are vetting the fighters receiving them and working with state department officials trying to unify the fighters with political leaders inside and outside the country. *New York Times News Service*

SPORTS

LONDON OLYMPICS

Embattled PH contingent dwindles to three

By Ted S. Melendres
Sports Editor

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Torres eyes new mark

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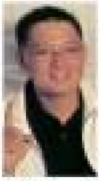

Mikee: Filipinos can be world-class shooters

Tams edge Maroons; Bulldogs prevail

Stags eye lead vs skidding Cardinals

Many will cheer but few are chosen

ONE GAME AT A TIME

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Aboitiz Invit'l kicks off Wednesday

Huey, partner gain Citi Open finals

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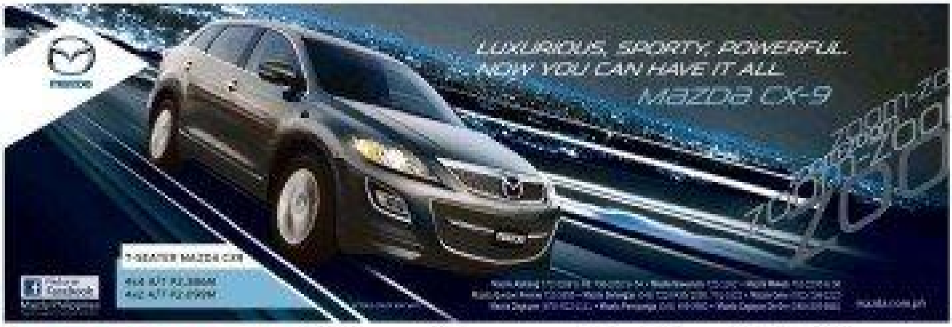
SPORTS

Bolt to defend 100-meter crown



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Biker's death mars team relay event

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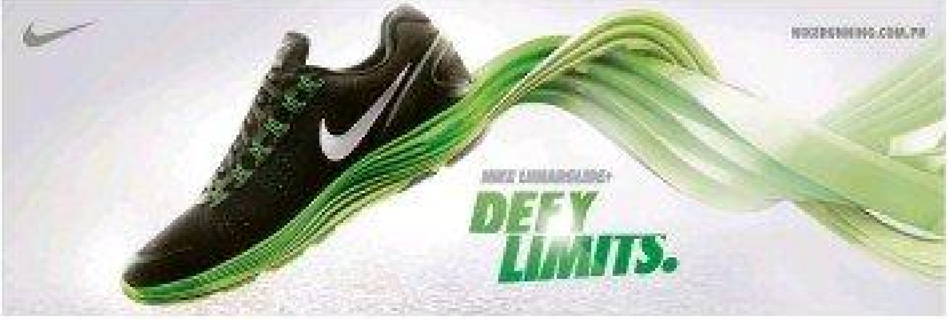

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San Miguel continues push in power

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Stocks to remain buoyant

STOCKS/B2

Eyes new energy contracts from gov't unit

DIVERSIFIED conglomerate San Miguel Corp. is beefing up its hydropower generation portfolio with the acquisition of existing power plants and a possible foray into renewable energy development.

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BSP may cut US treasury holdings

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Rockwell raising ₱7B for projects

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Meralco lowers systems loss rate to 7.35%

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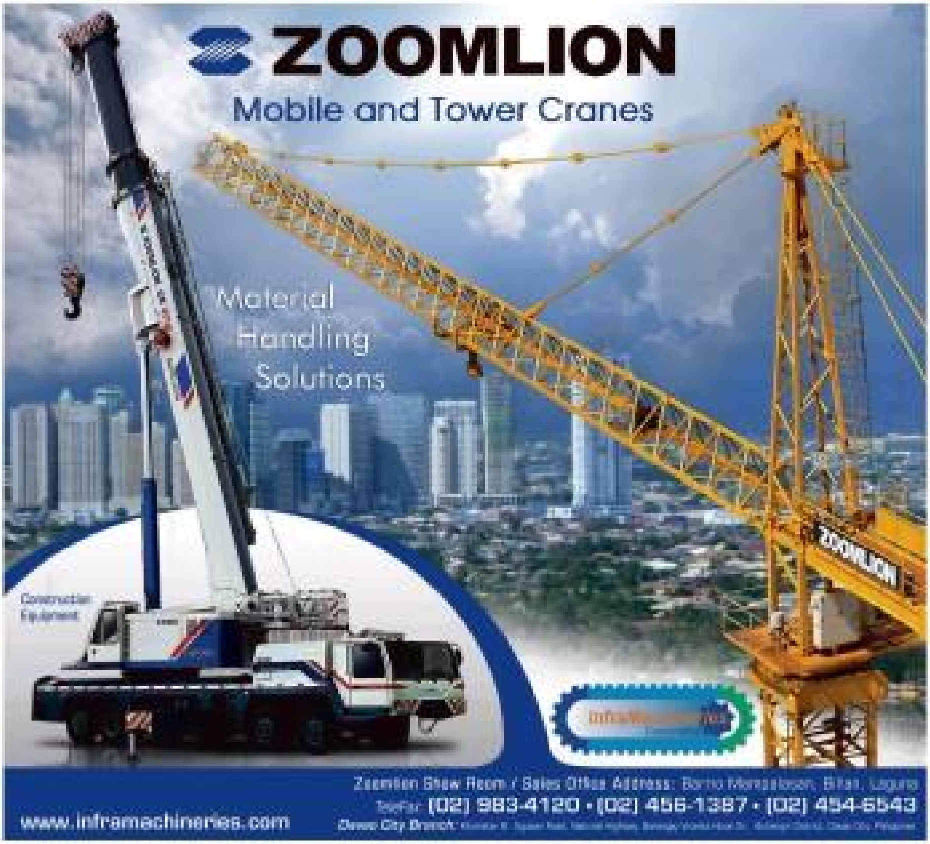

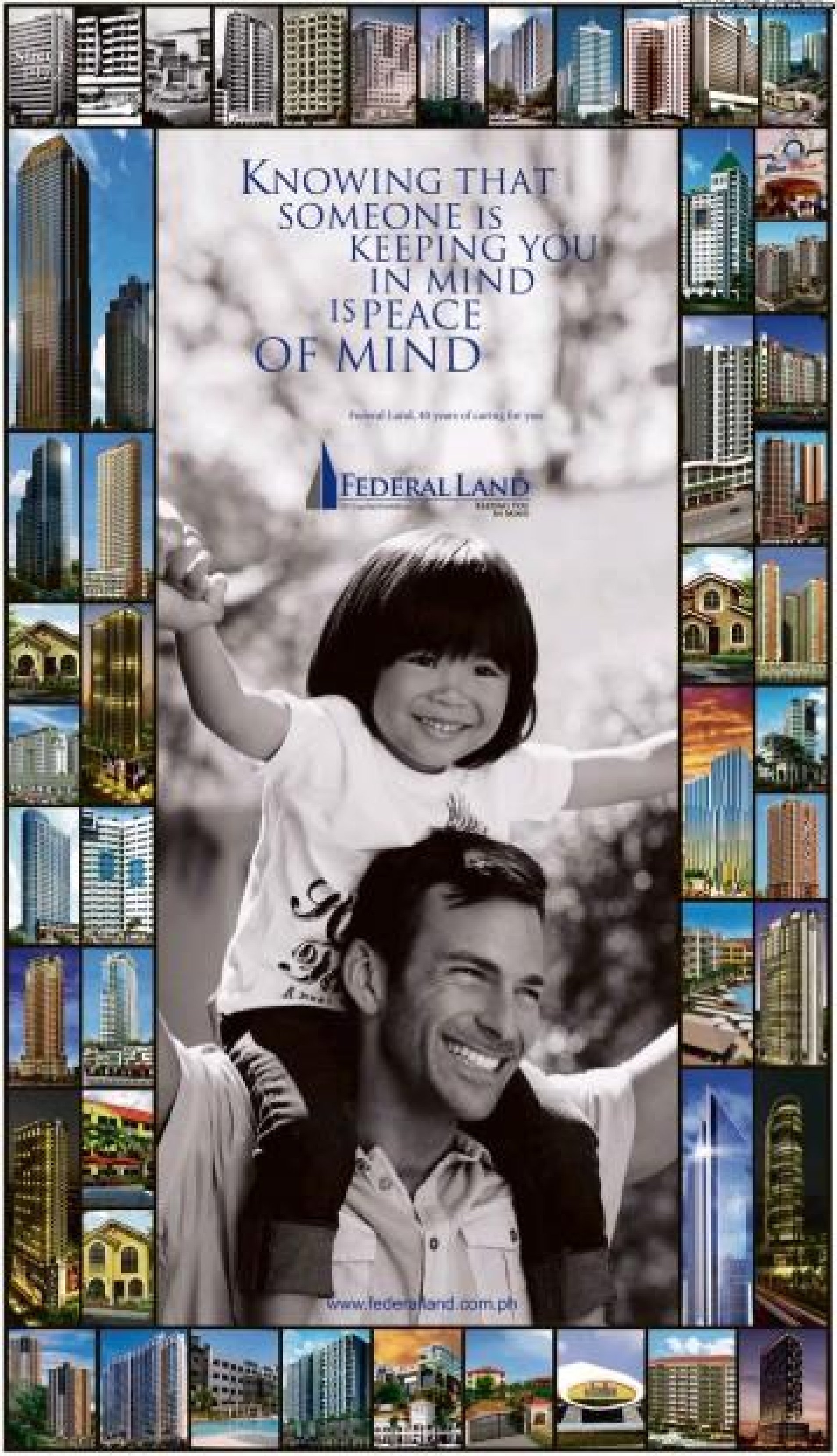
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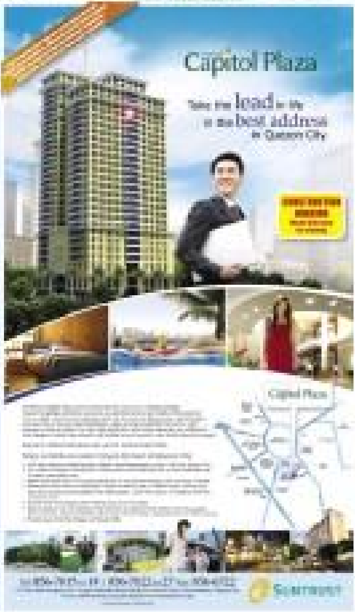
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2 firms keen on Malaya contract

Bidding for P556-M deal slated for Aug. 17

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MJC in talks with developers for San Lazaro park projects

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PAL eyes deal with plane maker

By Paolo G. Montecillo

BDO named best PH bank

PLDT's 6-month core profit seen falling below year-ago level

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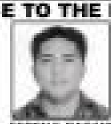

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"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Matthew 21:22

JOSE "PEPING" H. TECSON, JR.

March 26, 1947 – August 4, 2012

Wife: **Dulce Altonaga Tecson**

Children:

Jose Martin A. Tecson

Jose Rafael Enrico A. Tecson

Jamie Alyssa Ma. A. Tecson

Parents: **Jose V. Tecson** (†) and **Magdalena H. Tecson**

Siblings:

Nenita and **Manuel Flores Jr.**

Rodolfo and **Corinne Tecson**

Eduardo and **Pamela Tecson**

Ma. Isabel and **Dennis Sindico**

Victoria and **Nandy Jayme**

Beatriz and **Valeriano Tarol, Jr.**

Nephews, nieces, grandchildren and cousins request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie at Christ the King Parish Church, Mortuary Chapel, Greenmeadows, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 8 after the 9:00 am mass at the Christ the King Parish Church, Mortuary Chapel.

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Our Dearly Beloved Mommy

CARMENCITA JOAQUIN ALBA

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels & Crematorium, Inc. Eiko corner Bernardino Street, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City.

Interment will be on Thursday, August 9, 2012 afternoon Mass.

BUSINESS

PH in early stages of bull run, says COL Financial

PSEi expected to hit 10,000 by 2018 on strong GDP growth

A first for a non-financial company in the country

Smart subsidiary gets MasterCard acquiring license

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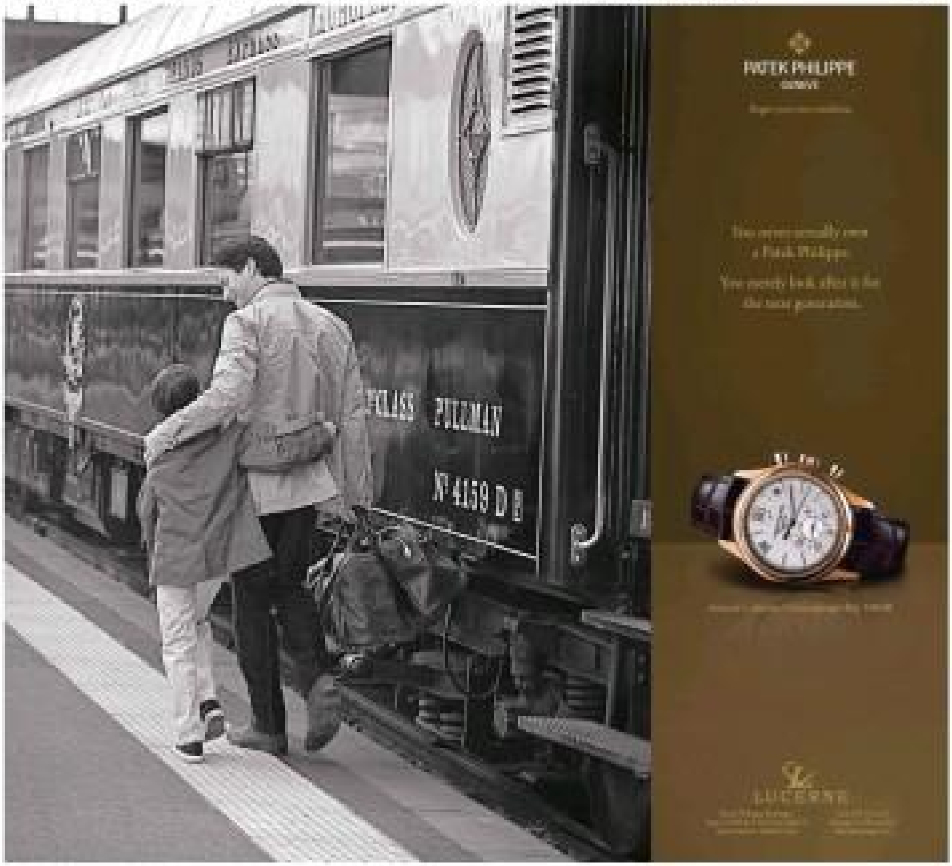
Asia to see more FX volatility, debt issuances

Merrill Lynch says governments should spend more

By Doris C. Dumlao



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Ronnie loves insurance first, loves it best and loves it longest

DICT: Is it really necessary for PH transformation?

MAPping the Future
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Buy more PH bonds, investors told

Short-term debt securities preferred by Barclays Bank

Local firms still bullish despite Europe's woes

Electronic payments for CCT urged

Asia to see more FX volatility

BUSINESS

Gov't streamlines operations of PNOC

Nonperforming assets to be weeded out

By Amy R. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT has begun the rationalization of the state-run Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) to weed out its nonperforming assets and subsidiaries.

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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources has given the permit to topple down these trees on Lacson Avenue, Sampaloc. The sidewalk inside the University of Santo Tomas will be narrowed for road expansion to pave way for a multimillion flyover.

Lacson-España flyover takes off despite protests

PRIDE OF PLACE
Augusto Villalon

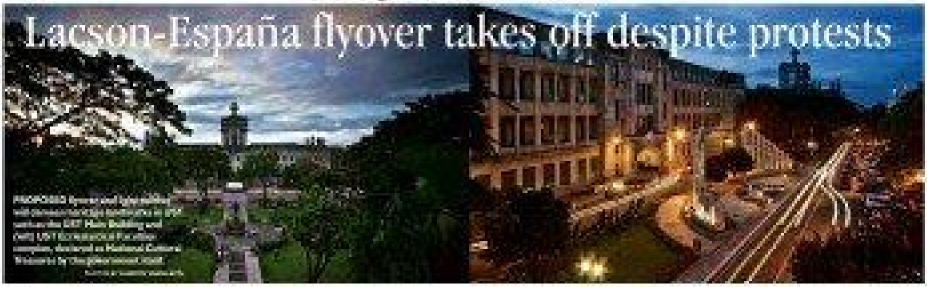
ANOTHER FLYOVER is preparing to soar in one of Manila's most populous districts.

The district is Sampaloc, whose already dense population is aggravated by the daily influx of thousands of students who attend the University of Santo Tomas (UST), Far Eastern University, National University, University of the East and other vast campuses in the University Belt.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) announced plans to construct the flyover on Lacson Avenue, eventually to be followed

LACSON C2

Lacson-España flyover takes off despite protests



> 'Flyovers detach, distort and scar the city,' professor Rizalito Mendoza of the UST College of Architecture said

Traffic management

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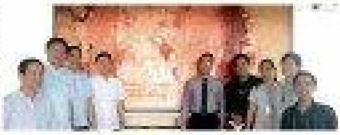
Augusto Villalón receives award from French Ministry of Culture

UE artwork graces busy MRT



Alliance Française launches 3rd edition of artist residency program

Vibrant Vitalis visions

VISUAL ARTS

Ninoy and Cory foto exhibit opens today

Contemporary art at MOA

Iconic paintings at Crucible

The Russians have come, are here

'To the Islands of Sampaguita,' an exhibit of Russian artists' works on the Philippines, opens today

Vibrant Vitalis visions

By Jessica Jalandoni-Robbles [illegible]

A MOSAIC of rainbow shapes appearing as color bursts formed by dashes of paint in mingling hues and tones suddenly reveals a softly muted idyllic countryside.

The [illegible] view from a hill is a neo-Impressionist rendition by Macario Vitalis (1898-1989) of many a charming sight in the different regions of France where he took up residence since the late '20s.

Such pieces that rarely come home to the Philippines are showcased in "Vitalis: The French Connection" at Leon Gallery, Corinthian Plaza, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

That Vitalis chose to live in the country where his painting styles and techniques originated was but a con-

CRUCIFIXION reminiscent of Byzantine mosaics

[illegible] pursuit of artistry. For this he was revered and feted by the French communities where he stayed and was even declared an honorary Breton.

The artist left Ilocos Sur as a young man to study art in San Francisco in 1917. He left for England in 1920, then finally headed to the artists' enclave of Montmartre the following year.

VIBRANT C5

POINTILLIST pre-Cubist piece

PORTRAIT of a French countrywoman

OPTICALITY blended French countryside

GSIS Museum features JIV Manila artists

ALAIN NOTEBA, [illegible] and [illegible] will hold the group exhibit "Insight: Soliloquies in Three," opening on Aug. 6, 6 p.m., at the GSIS Museum.

The exhibit features some 30 [illegible] and large paintings and drawings, in [illegible] acrylic, pen and ink and found objects.

"Insight" is really three exhibits in one. Each artist's collection tells a story that's different from the other two, but apparently in the same vein. As a whole, it's an anthology," said curator [illegible].

"These artists are not first-timers in the business of meaning-making. In fact, they have so many reflections and views to share, which they do through their artworks. These pieces talk about life, ideologies, paradigms and various messages of all sorts. In this exhibit, art speaks."

"Insight" will be on view until Aug. 31. Call JIV Manila art at [illegible] or visit www.jivmanilaart.com

LIFESTYLE Arts&Books

Cinemalaya 8 hooks viewers with 'Full Force' and more

Veterans and youngbloods

SUSAN Roces, Coco Martin

Cinemalaya 8 hooks viewers with 'Full Force' and more

Mainstream actors

Ateneo's 'Sintang Dalisay' gets warm reception in Europe

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

KALIL Almonte as Rashiddin

THE CAST with their diploma of participation.

THE ATENEO-Philippine delegation outside the Trade Union Palace where "Sintang Dalisay" was performed.

NCCA grants program makes call for proposals

PROPOSALS must capture NCCA's vision: "Filipino culture as the wellspring of national and global well-being."

PWU music school marks 65th anniversary with concert series

Brothers in art

By Margie C. Enriquez

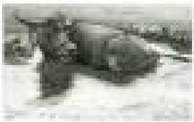
WALKING TO the grocery at the Ayala Center, photographer Alex Van Hagen points to the stripes and markings on the asphalt and the chipped paint on the parking lot wall. Although they seem mundane to the average person, Alex finds visual interest that they can become potential abstract designs in a photograph.

HAN AND Alex Van Hagen, right

SEASCAPE

BALANCE of light and shadow

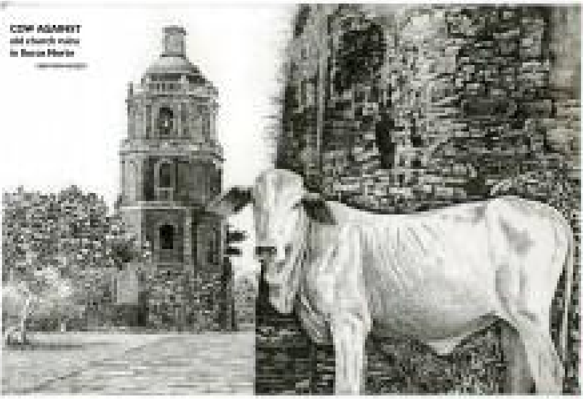
FAR LEFT, the softness of a tropical flower plays against the roughness of the bark. Left, the bark of a tree can provide a strong graphic element.



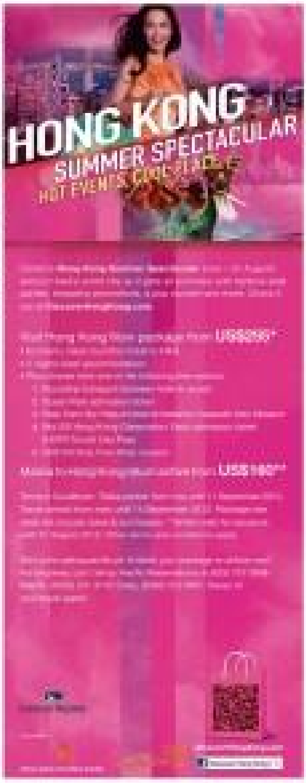
CARABAO in a pond

Ilocos scenery

Turning point



COW AGAINST old church ruins in Ilocos Norte



Bayanihan to come up with Manobo dance interpretations

By Suzie Moya Benitez
Contributor

THE BAYANIHAN RESEARCH team toured Butuan and Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte.

Hosted by Judith Pamaong, Rep. Angel Amante, and fundraising led by Agnes Araneta, the study tour enabled the team to interview Manobo tribes and historian King Hermosa, and attend lectures on local arts and crafts.

More than the Manobo dances, music, costumes and traditional practices, there were nuggets of new learnings and observations the research group gained. The group asked about Manobo aspirations, their spirituality and their family life.

A dance piece will soon be the outcome of this study, and will be gracefully showcased during the national dance company's 2013 season production at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Dec. 20-27.

The Bayanihan research team aims to create the best dance story on the largest indigenous community in the country. It seeks to set up an artistic clearing house where the numerous Manobo groups can converge.

The Bayanihan believes that to dance is to live. Dance brings about social cohesion and societal transformation, thereby strengthening cultural relations and fostering cultural development.

The research team will try to render Manobo aspirations into distinct expressions of dance and music.

The team includes Pam Concio, performer and trainer; Ime Yabut, actress; Maricelle Bonifacio, performer and artist; and musician Rudolph Pelaez, who will not only showcase playing the hubing but dance in the beat of the kulintang.

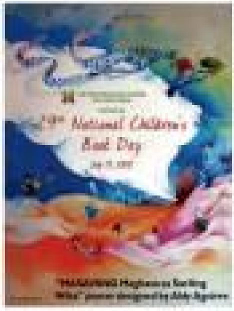
Other members of the study team are Sao Lualhati, costume designer and dancer; Melito Vale Cruz, music director; and Bong Jose, dance director and photographer.

The author is trustee and senior director of the Bayanihan Folk Arts Foundation.

CLOCKWISE from right, artists' team members Melito Vale Cruz, Suzie Benitez and Bong Jose; Bayanihan artists and the Manobo tribe; Manobo jewelry; Bayanihan with Rep. Angel Amante.

LIFESTYLE Arts&Books

National Children's Book Award winners feted



GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS

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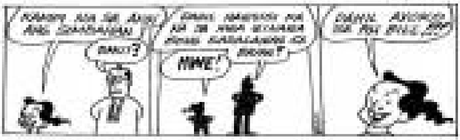

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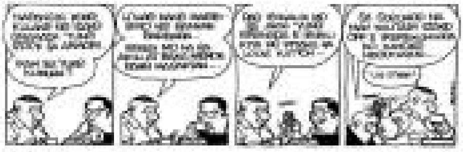

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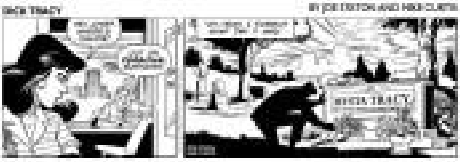

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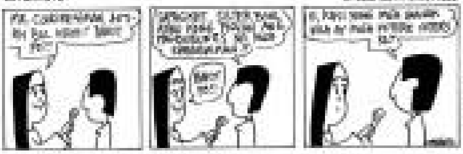
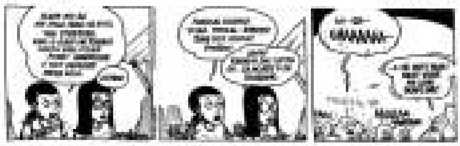


BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT

BIKO MACHINE



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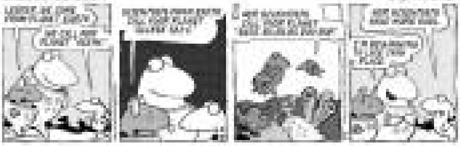
MUTTS — BY PATRICK MCDONNELL

SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



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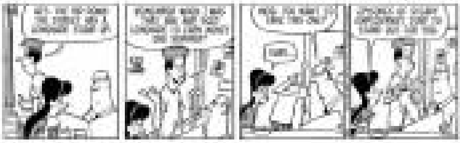

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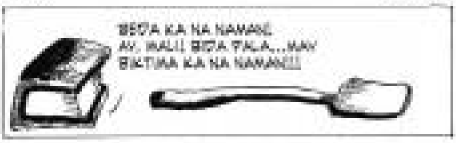

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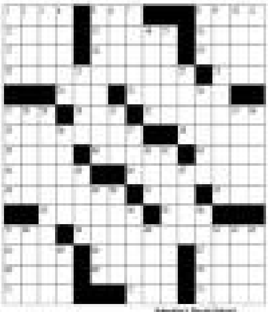
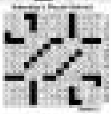




FROM BOOK TO FILM

'Wimpy Kid' goes on summer vacation

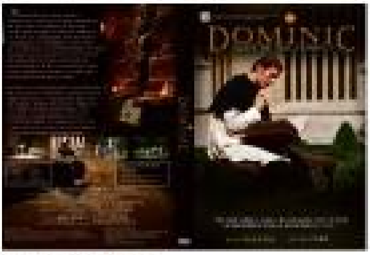
SCENES from "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days"

School's out, rules are out

Based on books

SMPFC, FNRI-DOST partner to promote wellbeing

Hardworking father fulfills dream for family



"DOMINIC: LIGHT of the Church"

'Dominic' film now on DVD

'Whimsy' opens Aug. 9 at Galerie Stephanie

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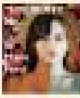
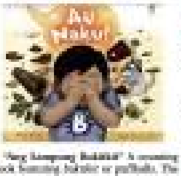
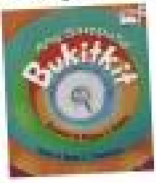


National Children's Book Award winners feted

Winners of 2012 National Children's Awards





ENTERTAINMENT
Living Stars

Stevie Wonder files for divorce

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Living in two worlds

Angelu de Leon's newly renovated house reflects the current state of her life—memories mingling with new beginnings

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Jilson Seckler Tiu

ACTRESS Angelu de Leon is the first to admit that her home is divided into two distinct parts.

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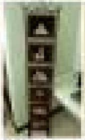

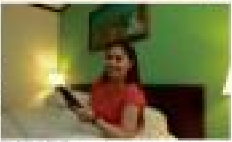

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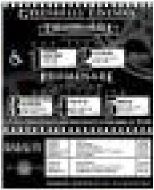

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Living in two worlds

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daily devotional. I read the Scriptures. I meditate. I pray. That's what I do to pamper my soul."

The rat race can get distracting, she admitted. "Modern life is too fast-paced. Technology pushes us to be always on the go. It's wise to slow down and reflect once in a while."

Keeping the communication lines open between her and her loved ones is key, she asserted.

"Notice that there's no television set in the bedroom," she pointed out. "Oftentimes the TV gets in the way of meaningful conversations with your spouse."

Angelu confessed to one indulgence, though: "When I want to shut the world out, when I'd rather not think or worry about things ... I watch animated shows on TV. My favorite is 'Adventure Time' and all the shows on Cartoon Network."

Her husband understands [illegible] childhood.

"It's my way of relaxing," she said with a smile.

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ANGELU cooks sometimes, but needs a book of recipes by her side.

DINING area, where the entire family gathers for meals

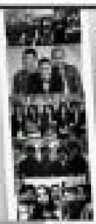
OPIUM bed is decorated with angels

KITCHEN shelf showcases spices, condiments, cookbooks and crystal glasses.

ENTERTAINMENT

Learning is a lifelong pursuit

Birthday boy DINGDONG DANTES traces his journey, from one who settled for mediocrity to a champion for education, in this story that he wrote for INQUIRER/ Story on Page G4

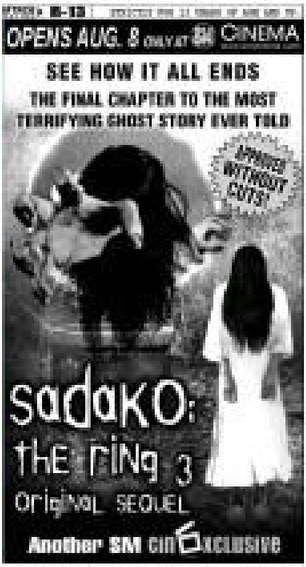


Learning is a lifelong…

How hurdle

Daniel Padilla: I'm not a playboy

Learning is a lifelong pursuit



Turning point

Beach workshop for teachers

LEARNING

Editor's board
Lucy Torres-Gomez stands and delivers

MARIA RESSA

The mind of a journalist

By Quezon National High School

SHE SITS and starts taking our eager questions, pausing briefly to ...

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

2012 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Teachers named

THE METROBANK Foundation has announced the names of winners in the 2012 Search for Outstanding Teachers.

Playgrounds for the MIND

Ateneans sample IdeaSpace

Angelicum College offers Robotics

HONOR ROLL

Miriam HS Glee Club wins in World Choir Games

Claret, Singapore School send delegations to AYC

Letran dance troupe grabs victory at cultural meet

CAMPUS SPORTS

Dalupan in a rare meeting with notable UE Warriors

DPS taekwondo team bags overall championship title again

Assumption College sees action in the 43rd WNCAA season

BRIEFS

PWU celebrates 65th year with concert series

AMA grants scholarships for Cavite's 6th district

BRIEFS

FEU-Manila granted autonomous status

Global students learn CSR 101

Letran students walk for history

Former Brunei ambassador speaks at Southville business forum

Fatima basic educ. students join book reading

CLSU's Biodiversity Center, RIC building now open

Fatima's Valenzuela City basic education department officially blessed

Member Schools

The De La Salle story

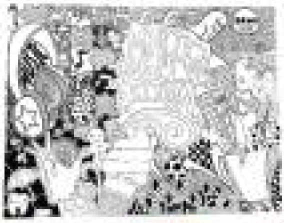
Br. Andrew Gonzalez

Unanswerable questions

BR. ANDREW GONZALEZ

Seminar to discuss ways to design efficient school registrars' offices set for Aug. 23-24

Storytelling competition deadline is Aug. 7



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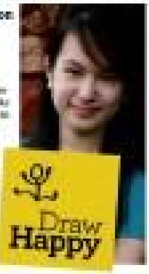


Vagabonding lessons

The mind of a journalist

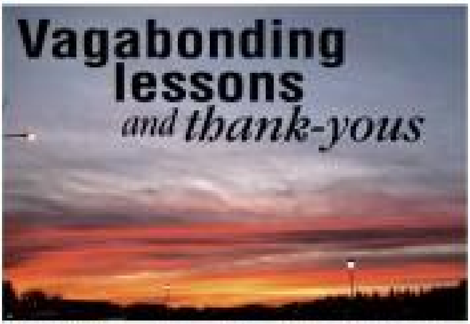
Research and innovation ...

EDITOR'S BOARD — Teacher for a day

Research and innovation needed to exploit PH's biotechnology potential

THE HUGE potential of the Philippines to be competitive in the global biotechnology industry was underscored at the recent Novartis Biotechnology Leadership Camp (BioCamp).

Vagabonding lessons and thank-yous



Five ways to be a creative traveler